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Dear Sir:

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.111

This is in response to the Office Action dated September 29, 2008. A three-month extension of time is requested under separate cover. Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 4 of this paper.